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1st December, 1922.

The Colonel Commandant Commanding
Mil. Dist. No. 11,
Esquimalt, B.C.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.
2nd in Commd. 1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.R.F.), The
Canadian Scottish Regiment.

1. Referring to my letter of 8th March, 1922, and enclosures contained therein numbered 1 - 6, I now forward further enclosures numbered 7 - 16, and respectfully request that the marginally noted officer be transferred to the Reserve.
2. My letter to Major Martyn dated 10th October, 1922, (enclosure 14) summarises the situation as far as I am concerned, and again I desire to repeat that it is no wish of mine to act in an unfair or arbitrary manner towards this officer, and if it would have eased the situation as far as he was concerned, then I was prepared to apply for further leave on his behalf. From Major Martyn's last letter to me, dated 28th November, 1922, (enclosure 16), I note, however, that I may have misunderstood his motives, and if it is a desire to be available on the Active List in case of eventualities rather than a sense of injustice which influences him in the matter, then perhaps District Office can arrange a transfer. This will be entirely agreeable to me.
3. In paragraph 2 of my letter of 10th October referred to above, I stated the circumstances ~~the~~ leading up to the point where I allowed my name to be recommended as successor to Colonel Peck. I should like to amplify by stating that in the autumn of 1920 Colonel Peck twice asked me to accept command of the Regiment and I refused. The matter was broached incidentally during 1921 but my attitude was such that it never reached the stage of discussion. During the latter part of November, 1921, and whilst I was a patient in the Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, two officers of the 16th Battalion visited me and represented that it was essential in the interests of the regiment that I take command; and I, with the consent of my doctor, ultimately agreed to my name going forward. On Saturday, the 26th of November, as you perhaps recollect, you called at the Hospital, I signed the necessary papers and expressed the wish to you, as I previously did to Colonel Peck, that the 2nd in Command, in fairness to himself and myself, transfer to the Reserve. I was under the impression this would happen.
4. As the details of the situation were then familiar to you and I have since forwarded copies of any correspondence which passed between Major Martyn and myself, I do not propose to further elaborate them; but in case ~~you~~ there should be the suspicion that I am unwittingly being used by a cabal of officers I ~~thought~~ ^{thought} it well to mention that of those who served actively with Major Martyn in the 16th only one now remain.
5. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Major Martyn.

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Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding

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